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## DAVIS REACHES THERE WITH HIS TROOPS.

They Were Received With the Greatest Enthusiasm and Rejoicing and Good Order Now Prevails Everywhere.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The terrible state of affairs existing in the western province of Cuba is shown in this report to the war department by Gen. Davis from Pinar del Rio:

"Arrived Tuesday night; troops completely encamped; have been received with greatest enthusiasm and rejoicing; good order prevails everywhere. Treasury empty and the only means of replenishing it is a system of taxation almost to verge of confiscation. No estates in this province. Country of great fertility and beauty, but ravaged almost to destruction. Assured by responsible citizens and foreigners that one-half of the former population has been killed or starved to death. Col. Zeyburn, with two battalions at Guanajay. He is ordered to occupy Mari with a detachment. No sickness."

GRANT GILLET WILL LEAVE MEXICO.

He Is Headed For Vera Cruz, and Will Take a Steamer There For South America.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—A special to The Republic from the City of Mexico says: Grant C. Gillett, the adorning catie plunger of Winona, Kan., and his attorney, C. R. Troxel, left here yesterday for Vera Cruz, where they will take a steamer for South America. Their ultimate destination is the Argentine Republic, where Gillett says he will go into the cattle business. Gillett and Troxel have been here three days, being registered at the Hotel Collier under the name of Willis L. Wilder and George E. Fisher of Prival, Colo., but both admitted their identity.

Gillett had intended to remain in Mexico indefinitely, but President Diaz' action in applying for a renewal of the extradition treaty, which expires next month, and his proposition to make it retroactive compelled Gillett to conclude that he would be safe in South America. He had been counting on being able to resist the extradition until Jan. 18, when with the extradition treaty expired, he would be absolutely safe.

Gillett and Troxel have a considerable sum of money with them and they have been spending it lavishly, but it is not thought that they have the \$300,000 which they are credited with having taken with them from the states.

Detectives are still following them, but they have no power to make arrests, and can do absolutely nothing to prevent their departure from Vera Cruz.

### Cat Famine at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—The cat famine has become so serious that the entire grain trade of St. Louis is crippled and exporters find it almost impossible to obtain cars to carry their grain to the seaboard. It would take more than 1000 cars to fill the orders which have been received. Every railroad running into the city suffers from the shortage of equipment. There are thousands of bushels of grain in St. Louis elevators which was sold for shipment seven months ago, but cannot be shipped because the railroads are not able to furnish cars.

### Attacked by a Negro Prisoner.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 17.—Cleero Wright, a prominent and respected white citizen, while taking a prisoner, George Anderson, a negro, to Berlin, was attacked by the negro and so badly injured that he will probably die. A lynching is feared.

### Struck by a Train.

New York, Dec. 17.—A wagon containing eight persons was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railway a few miles from Manasquan, N. J., and four were killed, two fatally injured and two others seriously injured.

### Smallpox at Strand.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 16.—A telephone message from Strand states that three more cases of smallpox have developed and many people are greatly alarmed. The new cases are all among people exposed to the first case.

### Lynching In Alabama.

West Point, Ga., Dec. 17.—Jim Anderson, a negro who fatally wounded Cleero Wright, a constable at Frasilia, Ala., was lynched near Lanett on Thursday night.

## WELCOMED AT SAVANNAH.

President and Party Met by Citizens and Royally Entertained.

Savannah, Dec. 17.—The presidential party reached Savannah at 11 o'clock this morning. The Savannah reception committee boarded the president's train at Guyton, 30 miles out from Savannah. D. G. Purse, chairman of the committee presented to President McKinley the good wishes of the citizens of Savannah. The presidential party was welcomed by a large crowd and was driven direct to the reviewing stand under escort of the Georgia Guards. The first division of the Seventh Army corps, two regiments of the Second division and about 3000 other enlisted men and artillery, under command of Major General Keeler passed before the president. The program for the day included a trip by the presidential party on the pilot boat, J. H. Esquill, down the Savannah river, and a grand banquet at night where the president and members of the cabinet spoke.

## MERRITT HOME AGAIN.

He Returns From Santa, Going by Train to See the Commission.

New York, Dec. 17.—Major General Wesley Merritt, late commander of the United States military forces in the Philippine islands, from which post he was called to Paris to consult with the American peace commissioners, reached the city on board the steamer Lucia, from Queenstown. With General Merritt were his wife, her mother, Mrs. Norman Williams, and Norman Williams Jr., of Chicago, and Captain L. H. Strother, aide on the staff of General Merritt. The general will resume command of the military department of the east, which position he held when he was ordered to the far east.

When questioned as to the Philippines he said all report to the government covered all he knew. He denied the report that Dewey was in fair health. He stated that the climate was not half as bad as some people believed. He was satisfied with the way the volunteers fought in Manila and had no complaint to make.

## COMMISSIONERS OFF.

They Leave Southampton on the St. Louis for New York.

Southampton, Dec. 17.—To interviewers who besieged the American peace commissioners here today before they sailed for New York on board the American Liner St. Louis, the commissioners said they could not discuss the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain. White, Reid and Judge Day were much interested in the interview of the Manila correspondent of the Associated Press with Rear Admiral Dewey, but he did not discuss either that matter or the protest made by Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, the Philippine leader. Judge Day said the treaty of peace would probably be delivered to President McKinley on Dec. 24, but he added it was impossible to say whether it will be presented to the present senate or to that which comes into office next March. This, the judge added, is a matter which the president must decide.

## SPECIAL DELEGATION TO PORTO RICO.

New York, Dec. 17.—The American Missionary association has appointed one of its secretaries, Rev. A. E. Beard, D. D., and Hon. Luman M. Warner of Bridgeport, Conn., as a special delegation to visit Porto Rico and investigate concerning the initiating of religious work there in behalf of the association, which represents the Congregational church of the United States. The association, it is believed, is the first religious organization in the United States to take the initiatory steps for work in Porto Rico resulting from the island coming into possession of the United States.

## CATTLEMEN ACCUSED.

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 17.—The 22 prominent cattlemen of South Dakota who were indicted by a grand jury in Fall River county, South Dakota, for manslaughter, have been tried at Hot Springs. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating 15 minutes. The case was the outcome of the murder of John Eckman, a well known sheep man of this city, who was killed last September by a band of cattlemen while moving his sheep into South Dakota.

## Colonel W. L. Schley Dead.

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—Colonel William Louis Schley, a first cousin of Admiral Schley died here at the age of 75 years. He served in the navy during the Mexican war and organized a Maryland regiment in the civil war. He was the founder of the Order of R. M. Men, and was also prominent in many other secret and beneficial organizations in which connection he was well known throughout the country.

## KILLED BY A TRAIN.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Fred Keidle and Theodore Nassing, wealth and prominent farmers who lived a few miles from Nameoki, Ill., were instantly killed by a passenger train. They had been to the village on business and were returning home in a dog cart when killed at a crossing.

## Baron de Rothschild Dead.

London, Dec. 17.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, member of parliament, is dead. He was the second son of the late Baron Alphonse de Rothschild. He married a cousin of Evelina, sister of the first Lord Rothschild.

## HAD A SHIPWRECKED CREW.

London, Dec. 17.—The Danish steamship Thessaly, from New York for Christiansburg, passed Dunnet head and signalled that she had on board the crew of the British steamer Govion, which foundered at sea on Dec. 11.

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